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TITLE OF INVENTION: SUBTILASES

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	WILLIAM W. MOORE	1656	

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1. This communication is responsive to the amendments filed 4 September 2008 and the interview conducted 10 December 2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 56,59 and 61-65.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/William W. Moore/
10 December 2008

/Rebecca E. Prouty/
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 1652

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. All allowed claims, whether amended or not, are included to aid the printer.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 40-55 and 60.

Amend claims 56, 59 and 61-65 thus:

Claim 56. (Currently amended) A variant of a JP170 type subtilase, said variant having at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO:1 and comprising at least one amino acid sequence modification in an amino acid residue in at least one position of an ion-binding site 1, an ion-binding site 2, or an ion-binding site 3, or combinations thereof, wherein the at least one position of ion-binding site 1 is selected from the group of positions consisting of 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 191, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 224, 225, and combinations thereof; wherein the at least one position of ion-binding site 2 is selected from the group of positions consisting of 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, and combinations thereof; and wherein the at least one position of ion-binding site 3 is selected from the group of positions consisting of 348, 350, 352, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 370, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, and combinations thereof; and wherein the numbering of said positions corresponds to the amino acid positions of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 59. (Currently amended) A variant of a JP170 type subtilase, said variant having at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO:1 and comprising at least one amino acid sequence modification in a mobile or highly mobile region of the subtilase, wherein the modification is at ~~in~~ a position selected from the group consisting of: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 58, 59, 60, 67, 96, 97, 98, 99, 108, 109, 110, 111, 131, 132, 133, 134, 152, 153, 163, 164, 165, 166, 188, 189, 190, 191, 210, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 337, 338, 339, 340, 355, 356, 357, 359, 360, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 384, 385, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411 and

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419, ~~wherein the subtilase has at least 95% similarity to SEQ ID NO:1, and wherein the numbering of said positions corresponds correspond~~ to the amino acid positions of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 61 (Currently amended) The variant of claim 56, wherein the at least one amino acid sequence modification comprises at least one of the substitutions modifications: D196N; H200D; H200N; ~~H200D, N~~; N390D; N391D; W392S; W392N; W392Q; ~~W392S, N, Q~~; and G394N; G394Q; G394F; G394Y; and G394S; ~~G394N, Q, F, Y, S~~.

Claim 62 (Currently amended) A variant of a JP170 type subtilase having at least 95% identity similarity to SEQ ID NO:1 comprising the introduction of an ion-binding site corresponding to the Strong ion-binding site of the BPN' like family subtilases, wherein said variant has a partial or full deletion of the region corresponding to the amino acid positions N79-N82 of SEQ ID NO:1 and a subsequent insertion of one or more amino acid residues in the same location, and wherein said positions correspond to the amino acid positions of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 63 (Currently amended) The variant of claim 62, wherein the sequence LNNSIQV set forth in SEQ ID NO:5 (SEQ ID NO:5) is inserted; and the variant further comprises either of followed by the substitutions A45D or A45N, wherein said position 45 corresponds to the position 45 of SEQ ID NO:1 substitution A45D, N.

Claim 64 (Currently amended) The variant of claim 56, wherein the at least one amino acid sequence modification comprises either the pair of substitutions H200D+D196N or the pair of substitutions H200N+D196N.

Claim 65 (Currently amended) The variant of claim 63, further comprising at least one of the substitutions modifications: E44P, E44T, ~~E44P, T~~ and R47Q.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Kristin McNamara on 10 December 2008.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's amendment filed 4 September 2008 removes the bases for the objection of record of claim 63 herein and the rejections of record of claims 56, 57, and 59-63, herein under the first and second paragraphs of 35 USC § 112, and under 35 USC § 102. Applicant's arguments are persuasive in overcoming the rejection of record of claims 56 and 59-61 under 35 USC § 103(a) because one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been able to determine whether or not an amino acid might contribute to the formation of a calcium binding site, or reside at the surface of a polypeptide, thus be a worthwhile selection for an amino acid

substitution taught by Zukowski et al., unless and until a determination of the three-dimensional structure of a JP170 had been made. While three-dimensional structures for many smaller, standard, monodomain subtilisins were previously determined, e.g. subtilisin BPN in 1984 (2.6Å resolution), which is SEQ ID NO:4 herein compared in Figure 4, and subtilisin 309 in 1992 (1.4Å resolution), which is SEQ ID NO:8 herein compared in Figure 4, only the amino acid sequence of JP170 had earlier been determined. Although the catalytic domain region of JP170 might be identifiable on the basis of sequence alignment, additional insertions within this region relative to those of smaller monodomain subtilisins, and the carboxyl-terminal 115 amino acids that have no relationship to the sequences of subtilisins whose structures had been determined, required the resolution by the co-inventors herein of JP170's three-dimensional structure to identify positions might be solvent-accessible, identify those that may interact with amino acids in other positions, and to identify those within mobile regions and/or ion-binding regions which might therefore be available for individual amino acid substitutions or multiple amino acid sequence position replacement(s). The examiner's amendment resolves the remaining prior art issues in favor of allowance of claims 56, 59, and 61-65, and also clarifies the recitations of these claims by indicating that a subtilase variant amino acid sequence sharing at least 95% sequence identity with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 is modified according to disclosures at, *inter alia*, page 8 of the specification. Claims 62 and 63 are further amended to better reflect disclosures at pages 19 and 32 of the specification.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William W. Moore whose telephone number is 571.272.0933 and whose FAX number is 571.273.0933. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 9:00AM and 5:30PM EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisory Primary Examiner, Jon Weber, Ph.D., can be reached at 571.272.0925. The official FAX number for all communications for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or

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relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571.272.1600.

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10 December 2008

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